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[For the Panama Canal Commission statement of organization, see the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 35, Part 9]

The Panama Canal Commission operates, maintains, and improves the Panama Canal to provide efficient, safe, and economical transit service for the benefit of world commerce.

The Panama Canal Commission was established as a wholly owned Government corporation within the executive branch of the Government by the Panama Canal Act of 1979, as amended (22 U.S.C. 3611).

The Commission is supervised by a nine-member Board of which not fewer than five members are nationals of the United States, with the remaining members being nationals of the Republic of Panama. All members of the Board are appointed by the President. The members who are United States nationals are appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Activities

The Commission was established by Congress on October 1, 1979, to carry out the responsibilities of the United States with respect to the Panama Canal under the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977. In fulfilling these obligations, the Commission manages, operates, and

maintains the Canal, its complementary works, installations, and equipment, and provides for the orderly transit of vessels through the Canal. This U.S. agency will perform these functions until the treaty terminates on December 31, 1999, at which time the Republic of Panama will assume full responsibility for the Canal.

Sources of Information

Maritime Operations Director, Maritime Operations. Phone, 011-507-272-4500.

Economic and Marketing Information Director, Corporate Planning and Marketing. Phone, 011-507-272-7961.

Procurement Manager, Contracting Division. Phone, 011-507-272-4650. Internet, <http://www.pancanal.com/procsales/>.

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